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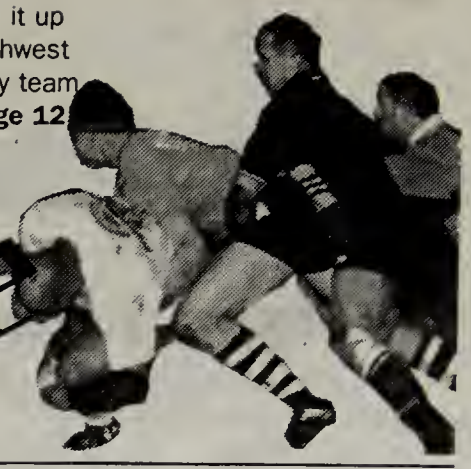
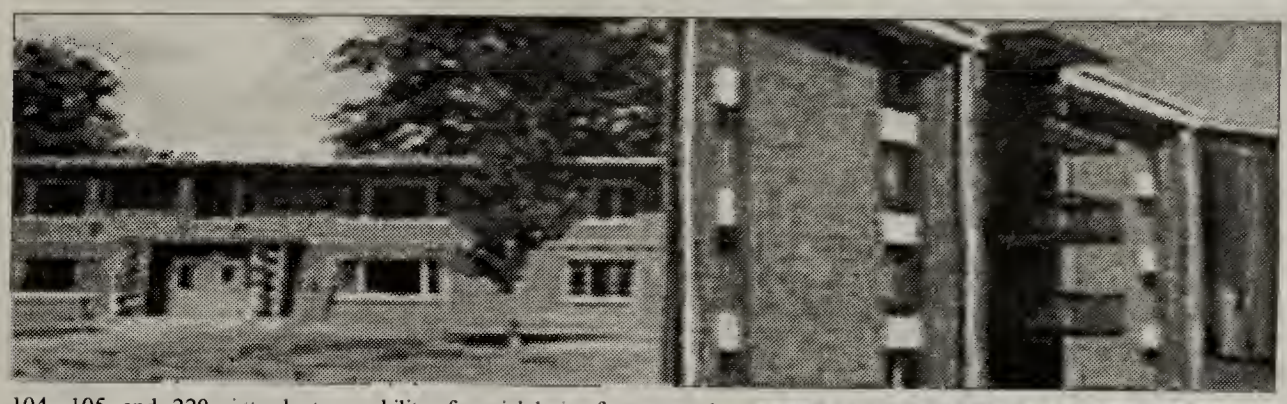


Focus groups discuss housing

SARAH LISON
News Editor



Examples of existing dorms located on the West Lafayette campus. The proposed dorms at PUC will house approximately 600 - 800 students.

The Washington, D.C. based consulting firm, Biddison & Hier, Ltd., recently distributed over 1,000 surveys in PUC classrooms to determine student interest in on-campus housing.

"Surveys are currently being tabulated, following which we will be in a position to assess the survey sample," Gail Biddison explained in an e-mail message.

Surveys were created using information students expressed during focus groups conducted by the consulting firm in mid-February. Biddison said focus groups provided her firm with qualitative information by giving students the chance to freely voice their opinions. Biddison indicated by e-mail that the focus groups included freshmen, upperclass, graduate and student leaders.

The construction of student housing is one of the components of PUC's strategic plan.

Vicki Wayne, assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs, said senior leadership expects to reach a final decision on the project during the month of April, as scheduled.

Instructors were responsible for administering the surveys in several classrooms. Students in English 104, 105 and 220, introductory psychology and sociology and some advanced management courses were asked to anonymously complete the questionnaires. Wayne said she personally delivered the surveys with instructions to each department.

The surveys were mailed to Washington, D.C. via Federal Express on March 11. A decision regarding the fairness of the sample is pending.

"We will be providing recommendations to senior leadership primarily about the depth of demand, pricing, design, amenities and other features of housing for which students express preferences," Biddison said.

Although Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs, Gary Newsom, did not rule out the possibility of special design features, such as a fireplace built, he did explain by e-mail that students should keep "cost/rent implications" in mind.

"The project must be self supporting with no university or state funding, so it must be competitive to ensure a high occupancy rate."

Biddison & Hier, Ltd. has also worked with Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne and Purdue West Lafayette.

Walt Branson, Vice Chancellor of Financial Affairs in Fort Wayne, said that his university made the decision to invite Biddison & Hier, Ltd. to assess student interest in the fall of 1999 after approaching housing developers.

"They were highly recommended by the developers themselves."

Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne is currently in the process of final approval. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer.

Senior leadership has been following the project at Fort Wayne closely.

Newsom commented, "We feel that up to two years has been saved by us being able to emulate the Ft. Wayne project. They have been the pioneers in the journey. We are very appreciative of their willingness to share 'best practices'."

Branson stated, "We really hope and expect that it (Fort Wayne's housing project) will change the whole culture of the campus."

Other universities Biddison & Hier, Ltd. has worked with include San Jose State University, University of Pennsylvania and University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Stockton in the summer

■ Jazz star returns for annual basketball camp

C. R. JONES
News Writer

Perennial NBA all-star John Stockton will be making a return visit to PUC this summer when the campus hosts the second annual Basketball Cornerstones camp.

Stockton has played point guard for the Utah Jazz since 1984 and has been a 10-time NBA all-star and also was a member of the 1992 U.S. Olympic gold medal winning "dream" team.

Stockton will be featured at the camp, which will be held July 24 to 27, for the second summer in a row. The camp is open to all boys and girls ages 8 to 18 and will feature basketball drills and competition. The more than 100 expected campers will be divided into groups based on their age and ability level, where they will receive instruction from Griffith native Kerry Pickett and his staff of players and coaches.

Stockton will give campers hands-on instruction, as well as holding a question and answer and autograph session with players. Campers will also have the opportunity to purchase a photo with Stockton.

Pickett, who coached Stockton when he was in seventh and eighth grade and in the Amateur Athletic Union [AAU] league, is the coordinator of the camp. Pickett attended Montana State University, where he played basketball and football.

Pickett now lives in Spokane, Wash., where he began directing similar basketball camps at Gonzaga University when Stockton still attended the university. Pickett and Stockton have held the camps every year, except for a few years when Stockton could not attend, since Stockton's collegiate days. Pickett and Stockton also hold the camp in Salt Lake City, where Stockton plays for the Jazz.

Pickett still has personal ties to the area, which include nieces and nephews who attend Lake Central High School, and cites this as a reason for bringing the come back to the region he grew up in. Besides Pickett having relations in Indiana, both he and Stockton thought that putting on a basketball camp in Indiana would be fun.

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Psi Chi and professors hold computer contest

SARAH LISON
News Editor

> "We want the letters to explain how the student will benefit..."
> David Pick,
> psychology professor

The campus Psi Chi chapter, the national psychology honor society, will be offering PUC students who do not already own a personal computer the chance to buy one for $40. The computers will run on a Pentium system and include a mouse, keyboard and monitor. Volunteers will be available to help students who purchase the computers install hardware, which can be purchased from the bookstore at a nominal price.

David Pick, a psychology professor, said, "There is even a former LTV engineer who will be helping students get their computers going."

The first batch of computers will be distributed as soon as possible.

Barb Osmond, the faculty adviser to Psi Chi said, "The whole point of this is that someone will have a machine to help them complete their work for CIS 204 and be able to use it for basic word processing."

Students interested in buying the computers will be required to submit a letter, which does not have to be typed.

"We want the letters to explain how the student will benefit from having a computer," Pick stated.

Letters will be judged by "clarity of expression." The students who write the best letters will be invited to purchase a system.

Letters should be submitted to Osmond. Students may drop letters off with the secretary in the behavioral sciences department in the Porter building or mailed to the department attention Barb Osmond.

"What we'd really like to do is keep this going," Pick said.

Eric Hoy, president of Psi Chi said the organization is currently seeking donations.

"Anyone who has CD-ROMs, especially."

Pick added that printers are also in short supply.

Pick said, "There seems to be an awful lot of old equipment lying around."

Students and faculty interested in donating old equipment should contact Pick by phone at (219) 989-2622, by e-mail at Pick@calumet.purdue.edu, by mail or by stopping by his office in Porter, Room 211D.

Volunteers are also needed.

"Anybody who knows about computer hardware," Hoy said.

Pick added that people who know how to upgrade are also needed.

"To help us get these people going."

The computers will only be available to PUC students.

While Pick observed that there is a need for personal computers around the world, Osmond added, "We have to take care of our own first."

The next psychology club meeting will be held Wednesday, April 3 at 3:30 p.m. in Porter, Room 202. It will feature a guest speaker on clinical psychology and offer information on what Graduate Record Exams are, who needs to take them and how to prepare. Meetings are held every other Wednesday.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Measuring your quality of learning

What makes for a good college or university? What is (are) the best way(s) to determine that?

Rankings in news magazines attract their fair share of attention. But those rankings tend to be based on such characteristics as what students were like when they started college—that is, their entrance exam scores or high school class rank—faculty-student ratios, alumni giving, library holdings, computer terminals and how many students graduate over a certain period of time.

Most important to student learning

While this type of information is useful to some extent, it doesn't address much about what is most important to student learning: whether an institution's programs and practices are having the desired effect on students' activities, experiences and outcomes. To get to the heart of those issues, Purdue Calumet is participating with some 365 other colleges and universities in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

Through our participation with the NSSE, randomly selected first-year and senior students will be invited during the next couple of weeks to share their views by completing a short survey—It will take less than 15 minutes to complete—called The College Student Report 2002.

Questions from this report will ask students, among other things, how much time they spend studying and working on assignments out of class; the nature and quality of their interactions with faculty members and peers; the relationship of coursework to various mental activities; how Purdue Calumet has contributed to knowledge, skills and personal development; and does the university provide a supportive environment for students?

What is being asked is directly related to desired outcomes of one's college experience. For that reason, the survey is like an anonymous suggestion box. The results will get the attention of people who can make changes for the better.

Pointed questions...direct feedback

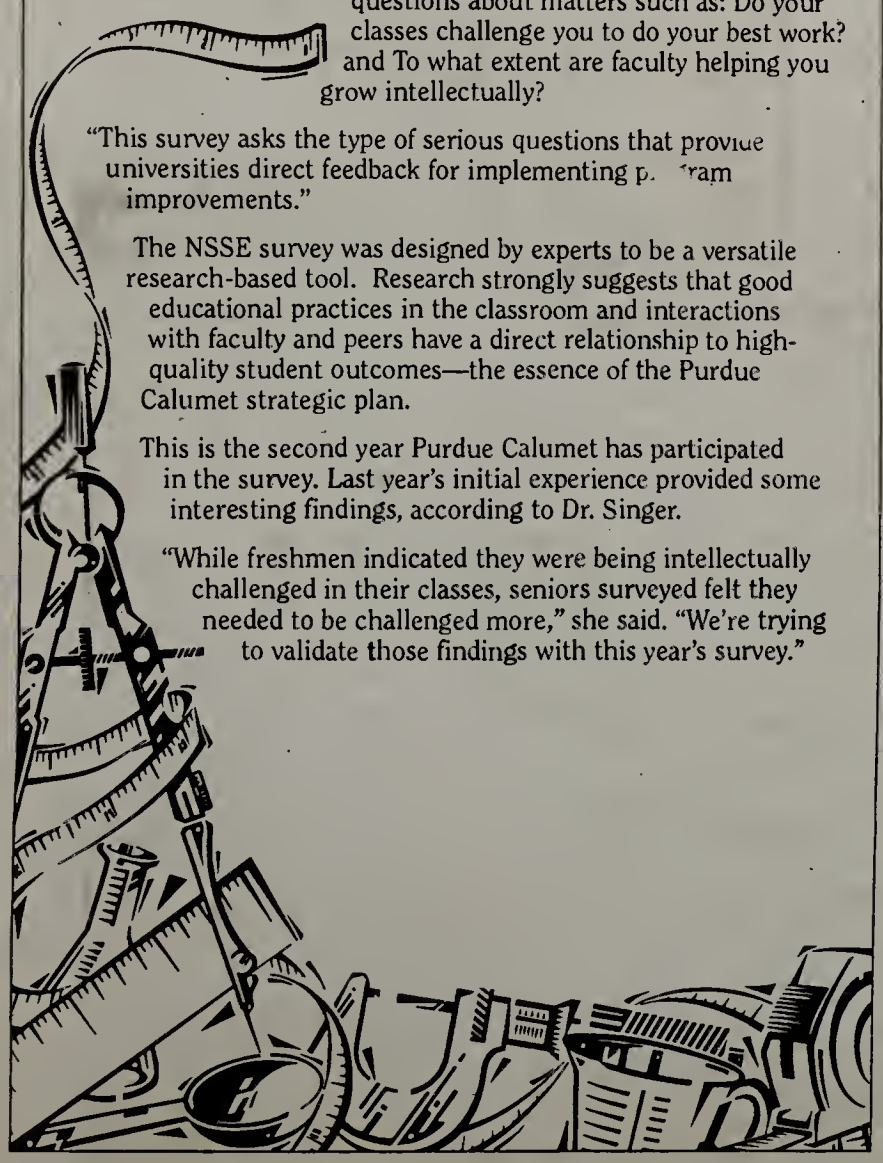
"In my opinion, the NSSE survey is going to become one of the most respected methods for measuring the quality of learning experiences provided by a university," Purdue Calumet Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Sandra Singer said. "I say that because rather than simply asking students to rate their educational experience, as good, average or bad, this survey asks pointed questions about matters such as: Do your classes challenge you to do your best work? and To what extent are faculty helping you grow intellectually?

"This survey asks the type of serious questions that provide universities direct feedback for implementing program improvements."

The NSSE survey was designed by experts to be a versatile research-based tool. Research strongly suggests that good educational practices in the classroom and interactions with faculty and peers have a direct relationship to high-quality student outcomes—the essence of the Purdue Calumet strategic plan.

This is the second year Purdue Calumet has participated in the survey. Last year's initial experience provided some interesting findings, according to Dr. Singer.

"While freshmen indicated they were being intellectually challenged in their classes, seniors surveyed felt they needed to be challenged more," she said. "We're trying to validate those findings with this year's survey."



What's goin' on?

A look around campus

Open Mic and Steppers' Set to be held March 30

Open Mic and Steppers' Set will be held March 30 at Satches, Inc., located at 1700 Grant St. in Gary. Open Mic will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Steppers' Set from 9 p.m. to 11: 30 p.m. There will be cash prizes and giveaways. Tickets can be obtained at TraC's Fashion and Apparel, located in Broad Ridge Plaza in Griffith. Anyone interested in performing or obtaining more information should e-mail VoteLong2002@aol.com or call (219) 884-4849. This event is sponsored by the committee to elect Shelley Long.

Activities scheduled for National Poetry Month

The following activities for National Poetry Month are open to the public:

Poetry Giveaway, April 2, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the SFLC concourse; Favorite Poem Reading , April 11, 11: 30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in SFLC-150D; and Poetry Slam, April 19, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in SFLC-150D.

The Chronicle seeks poetry writers for Entertainment

In honor of "National Poetry Month," The Chronicle will create a special poetry section and will be accepting poetry through April 22. Anyone interested in submitting poetry should contact Joe at (219) 989-2547.

Zeta Sigma Chi is hosting Spring Rush 2002

All interested women are invited to attend Rush 2002 to learn about Zeta Sigma Chi Sorority Inc. on March 26, 6-8 p.m., March 28, 5-8 p.m. in SFLC-311 and at IUN on March 27, 7-9 p.m. at the Savannah Center room 205. Those interested should bring a copy of last semester's report card with a GPA of 2.5 or higher; bring a school and work schedule; attend two of the three dates listed. For more information e-mail z_chi@hotmail.com.

IEEE to sponsor non-technical conference

IEEE will sponsor the Student Professional Awareness Conference on April 12. The last day to register is Friday, March 29. For more information contact Genevieve VanSteeg at (708) 557-5133.

Gamer's Guild seeks players

The PUC Gamer's Guild is an organization for students interested in tabletop role-playing games such as Dungeons & Dragons, Shadowrun and Vampire: The Masquerade. Games run once a week per individual game, several games per week. Monday and Tuesday games are played currently, and new games are forming. To join or for more information, e-mail President Will at lordwill@angelfire.com.

International marketing seminar series to be offered

"Fundamentals of International Marketing," a free seminar series to be offered at 5:30 p.m., five consecutive Tuesdays, begins March 26 at PUC. The series is designed so participants can meet, exchange experiences and learn from specialists in international marketing, business and trade. The series will be held at Lawshe Hall in room 305.

The Chronicle is hiring in all departments

The Chronicle seeks dedicated and reliable students to fill positions for photographer and page designer. If interested, call (219) 989-2547 and ask for Lorrell.

Society of Human Resource Management will meet

SHRM's next meeting will be held April 2 at 5:15 p.m. in the Anderson building room 311.

Say what?

"Well, I learned a lot... You'd be surprised. They're all individual countries."

-Ronald Reagan
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Majors Fair gives options

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News Writer

PUC held its annual Majors Fair on March 5. Several departments passed out materials and spoke to students about courses of studies within their programs. Department members were present to greet present and prospective students who may have been interested in majoring in their field.

Staple PUC departments, such as engineering and business as well as up and coming departments such as women's studies held tables at the fair. In fact, women studies is hoping for backup from other departments, so that it is more recognized as a course of study, with the ultimate goal being recognized as a major.

Sarah Lucas, a freshman majoring in psychology and philosophy, feels that women's studies should be a major and stressed that men are welcome to take women's studies classes.

"Women's studies should be a major—it's very interesting and you learn a lot," Lucas said.

For students interested in technology or engineering, two tables at the fair offered them two different options. The School of Electrical Engineering Technology offers courses for students who may not have technical backgrounds, but are interested in electronics. Edward Perosky, an EET adviser, said that a student studying EET will be set for the future of technology.

"The need for technologists in the future is going to grow extremely fast. Boundless opportunities—computers, industrial control. Electrical security people are never out of a job. There's a need for people to run MRI, CT scans."

Students interested in construction technology had an opportunity to gather information at the majors fair. The program offers four degrees in mechanical engineering technology supervision and two degrees in construction technology. Graduates land jobs as construction managers or project supervisors. High school students interested in the CT or METS program should take drafting and computer science to prepare for the college courses.

"Computer graphic technology (which is offered in the METS program) is the fastest growing major I've been associated with. It's a combination graphic arts and computer science," said Mark Hannon, academic adviser for the School of Technology.

For those students looking to land a job close to home after graduation the School of Education might be an answer. Eighty to eighty-five percent of education majors at PUC land jobs in the Northwest Indiana region.

"(Education majors) tend to stay here, so they can be near family," said Linda Manes, licensing adviser for the School of Education, said. She also stressed that there is a real need for teachers in today's society.

High school students looking to study education in college must have a strong academic foundation that includes four years of math and foreign languages. The School of Education also looks at SAT scores when accepting students.

For students who do not wish to stay close to home two programs may be the answer.

The foreign language department offers programs that allow students to study abroad as well as offering many languages to study. The foreign language department has programs that allow their students to study in China and Spain. The department also has clubs for Spanish students such as Los Latinos and holds international film festivals throughout the semester.

The foreign language department also will be offering new language programs, that include Russian, Italian, Arabic, Lithuanian and Croatian studies. Jorge Roman-Lagunas, head of foreign languages, said that foreign language is the perfect core major, because it gives students advantages in fields that require international relations.

"In order to get a global education students need to go abroad. This is the department that gives that. (The foreign language department) is the window to the world and puts students in the position to see the world."

Students looking to leave the area after graduation can also look into the management program, where recent PUC graduates have landed jobs in Texas and Beverly Hills. A recent graduate from the management department also became the highest paid graduate of her class.

The business administration department is the fastest growing school on campus. With 1100 to 1200 students in the department, it accounts for roughly 20 percent of the student body. The school receives 90 to 100 applicants every term but only accepts 30 students based on their academic background.

The management program graduates 150 students per year. Students in the management program take courses in three phases—pre-management, management and lastly they decide their major.

"Graduates compete very well in the real world," Jonathan Furdek, associate professor of management, said.

The PUC Police Report

Monday, March 11, 4 p.m.
A splinter went through the fingernail of the right middle finger of a person unloading boxes from a truck. Treatment was given at the scene.

Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 a.m.
The wooden gate arm in the P-3 lot malfunctioned and struck a vehicle that was attempting to pull into the lot.

Wednesday, March 13, 10:38 a.m.
A person sustained bruises and lacerations to the hands and knees after missing a step and falling on the sidewalk. Treatment was given at the scene.

Friday, March 15, 12:02 p.m.
A person was struck on the upper left arm by a 2x4 that came loose and fell. The person was treated at the scene and transported to the Hammond Clinic.

Saturday, March 16, 5:45 p.m.
A person sustained a small laceration to the tip of the right middle finger from a soap dispenser in the washroom. No treatment was given.

Sunday, March 17, 5:45 p.m.
A person sustained lacerations and bruises to the hip, knee and elbow after falling while cleaning a classroom floor. Treatment was given at the scene.

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Campus housing contractors stay on the right track

PUC has been planning for something this campus has never seen before: campus housing. For contractors, the administration chose Biddison Hier Limited. With a list of a little over 50 colleges and universities, private and public, as clients, BHL has almost two decades of experience under their belt.

And rightly so, because their planning process includes students on campus. Gail Biddison and Thomas Hier called together random groups of students to be apart of a discussion, where likes and dislikes of what they would like to see in student housing were discussed. Some of the main topics were: proximity of the housing to the academic buildings, housing costs, raise in tuition and what features would be available in the housing.

Housing should be within 15 to 20 minutes walking distance to the academic buildings. That is of course the main point of campus housing, that it's on campus. If someone wanted to drive to school and live on his or her own, that person would rent an apartment. Also, there are close by apartments to the school, so if the campus housing were farther away than those, then students would be looking into the closer apartments before campus housing at a farther away location.

Housing costs are always the biggest concern on a student's mind when deciding where to live. There are many factors such as housing features and if a new plot of land will have to be bought that will contribute to the cost of the rent. Features that may affect rates are how many students will share a room, whether the rooms will have private bathrooms or if the floor will have community bathrooms, if there will be access to a kitchen, technology available, and what kind, if any study halls will be provided. Concessions such as less meeting rooms for games or other gathering purposes will have to be made in order for housing to be cheaper.

Just like any major construction project, students will probably see a hike in tuition rates along with enrollment increase. Even though this is a commuter college, people who live even an hour away who don't feel like taking the long drive to get here for class will be more apt to apply if they can live on campus. Also, PUC will probably receive an increase in international students looking for cheaper housing than finding an apartment in the area.

In all, campus housing would definitely bring more racial diversity and campus unity. Students would feel more inclined to be on campus and participate in school activities. It would also open the possibility of there being a general help lab for students in the housing that would be open later than the academic buildings.

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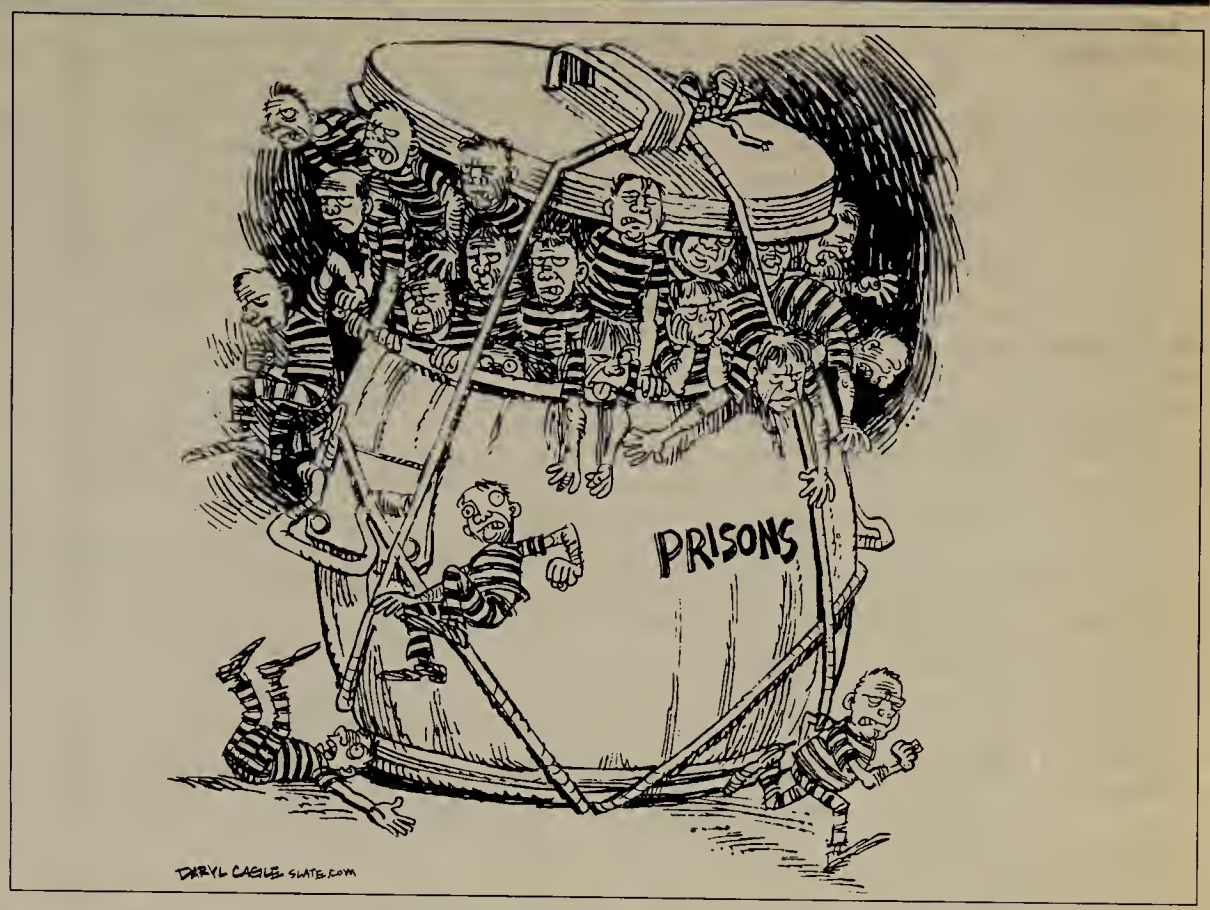

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I, like many other students, have much research to accomplish by the end of next month for more than one class. Like a good little PUC student I decide to utilize the resources of the library on campus, which all students support financially. I enter the library with the common knowledge of the database learned in Freshman English. I have rarely used the library in the past for various reasons such as my streak of bad luck in getting the one reference person who is unhelpful and seems frustrated whenever presented a problem. Another reason is the mislabeling of the database system by presenting an item as "Out" when in fact it is "In." This is especially confusing when your teacher wants a print out of this sheet to prove you found the material in the fine PUC library. Since the library was remodeled this summer I ridiculously assumed these problems would have been "remodeled" as well. I must say, the individual with frustration is at the reference desk less often, but the database problems remain. I found a list of 42 sources on my first topic. I was very impressed and happy to see a change. My faith grew less as I encountered new problems. Every source I clicked on for more information ended in a page telling me, "Database Unavailable." Very confusing. I figure it is my computer. I try another. Same results. I have found that not using this library for research is very helpful to my grades and stress reduction. I find that hand-picking through every bound journal in the library is a quicker means of research at Purdue Cal than actually using their databases.

Sincerely,
Joyce Hestermann

Have any questions, comments, complaints, or concerns?
Call the Chronicle at 989-2547
Or write a letter to the editor.

The People Speak

Question of the Week:
If PUC offered housing at a reasonable price, would you consider living on campus?

Shay Tucker
Freshman, Elementary Education
"Yea, because it will be better . You will be right here next to school and you don't have to get up extra early. It will make the campus more interesting."

Laurie Leonard
Freshman, GNS
"I definitely would. Its hard to drive so far everyday. That would make it more convenient."

Joyce Hesterman
Senior, Sociology
"Maybe, if they had married housing."

Chris Dmytriw
Senior, Chemistry
" No way, because I like my privacy its cheaper to get an apartment. If I had to pay for housing I might as well go away to West Lafayette. I would rather see the school build a new building rather than dorms so that we can have more selections of courses."

John Fetsis
Senior, Political Science
"Oh yea, I think it would be fun. The campus needs it."

Jessica Back
Freshman, Elementary Education
"No because money could be spent on benefiting education such as a new music program and yes because I live in Crown Point which is a 30 minute drive and it would be nice to drive 2 seconds to school."

'Poetry Slam' lyrically explodes on campus

MATTHEW FESKO
News Writer

Poems and rhymes will be in the spotlight for the third annual PUC Poetry Slam on Friday, April 19, from 7 to 10 p.m. in SFLC, Room 150D. Three rounds, three minutes each and no background music are a few of the only rules involved. It will be just the performer, his or her poems and a microphone.

Sponsored by the English Department, the PUC Poetry Slam is part of the festivities celebrating National Poetry month on campus amongst many other poetry events that will be open to students.

David Plaitner, a sophomore, described poetry slams as "a lyrical boxing match that matches poets against other poets in a three round bout."

The poetry slam is an all ages event and is open to the general public. Although the actual 'Slam' part of the evening is a competition, the events will begin with a non-competitive open microphone section. And, of course, the event is open to audience members who do not wish to participate.

Judith Burdan, an assistant English professor helped to organize the PUC Poetry Slam. "The past two poetry slam events have gone really well and we've had a lot of participation. The event is a great way for students to express their creativity and be heard."

Students interested in participating in the competition portion of the upcoming event need at least three poems, but it is recommended that participants bring five poems.

Poetry Slams are nothing new to the Chicagoland area. Chicago poet Marc Smith started Slam poetry in 1986 at a local pub after growing bored with mundane poetry readings. Judges were randomly selected from the audience and evaluated each performance with a score of one to 10. Everything about the performance is analyzed, including the poem, voice and especially dramatic interpretation. It has since blossomed into "An international artistic revolution that is meant to be heard in person," stated Teresa Wiltz of the Chicago Metromix.

E-mail and the web enhanced the slam movement and allowed for expansion and the sharing of ideas across the country. There are hundreds of different on-line communities for the promotion and sharing of slam poetry.

Steve Ashby, a sophomore here at PUC said, " I think a slam poetry competition is a great idea for PUC. There's a whole range of different types of possible poems and sometimes it almost feels likes a hip-hop MC battle. I feel it is one of the most important arts movements today."

The 2002 National poetry slam is being held in Minneapolis, MN, this year from August 13 to 17.

For more information, check out the web site www.slamnation.com.

Screening brings eating disorder awareness to PUC

ESTEBAN GARCIA
News Writer

Representatives of the Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention Program screened students for eating disorders Feb. 26 and 27. Employees of The Eating Disorders Center of Community Hospital were on hand to pass out information and brochures to students and faculty who may know someone, or believe they may suffer from an eating disorder themselves.

"[Students] may just get a few brochures and walk away, but would end up calling us a few days later asking for help."
Terri Sakelaris, Clinical Dietician from community hospital

According to one of the many pamphlets available at the table, eating disorders are, "Extreme expressions of a range of weight and food issues...[and] are serious emotional problems that can have life threatening consequences."

Jennifer Langer and Terri Sakelaris, clinical dieticians from Community Hospital, helped clarify what the different eating disorders are. Anorexia Nervosa is primarily characterized by self-starvation. Bulimia Nervosa is described as a cycle of binge eating followed by purging. Similarly, Binge Eating Disorder is characterized by periods of impulsive gorging or incessant eating, in-between which periods there may be sporadic fasts or diets.

Information at the table was plentiful, and Langer and Sakelaris were more than willing to answer any questions students and faculty may have had. The screening process itself consisted of a questionnaire, which asked questions regarding eating habits and self-opinion. Certain questions, it was explained, would trigger responses that hint at the possibility of the person filling out the form having an eating disorder.

Sakelaris stated the main reason for holding the screening here was to get the information out, as most students would simply grab a few brochures and forego the actual screening.

"[Students] may just get a few brochures and walk away, but would end up calling us a few days later asking for help," she said. "As long as they get the information and seek help, that's fine."

Indeed, many students felt that participation in the screening may have been affected by the public nature of the process.

Joe Buchler, a junior majoring in political science, stated that the organizers of the event, "Probably should have just done the screening at a hospital and only given information here."

Erica Winterhaler, a freshman with an undecided major, agreed.

"Student participation could have been affected because of fear of embarrassment and lack of confidentiality."

Jonathan Wagman, also a freshman with an undecided major, disagrees.

"I think participation would have been less if they had to go to an office," he said.

While all agree that the information offered was beneficial, many still struggle with the question of where the line between wanting to be healthy and having an eating disorder is drawn. Langer said that there is a great deal of criteria involved in drawing the distinction, which involves a large amount of interaction between the person believed to have the disorder and a psychologist.

"I don't think there's any one way [to know]," Langer said. "People are so good at masking it, [There's] not really a cut and dry [answer]," Langer said.

Sakelaris agrees with Langer's statement.

"It's hard...it's definitely a team effort."

Students wishing to find out more about The Eating Disorders Center at Community Hospital should call (219) 836-7065. For more information on eating disorders, including future screening sites, visit the Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention website at www.edap.org.

Stockton

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"John enjoys Indiana, the enthusiasm for the game players have [in Indiana] and we're always well-received. Purdue is very accommodating and the people at the camp give us a great reception.

There's no greater heritage than Indiana basketball," Pickett said, in a telephone interview.

PUC students and staff have had warm reactions to the idea when asked their feelings on Stockton and Pickett returning to the campus.

"He's bringing the camp back to Northwest Indiana to give back to the community and to his family," Wes Lukoshus, director of university relations said. Dion Banks, a PUC basketball player, thinks that Stockton coming back to PUC is a good thing, but wishes other players held camps in Northwest Indiana.

"There should be more campus's in the area with more NBA or pro players from the region instructing, as a way of giving back to the community," Banks, a senior majoring in sociology, said.

The cost to attend the camp is $225, and spaces are still available to sign up as of this time. However, Pickett expects that the camp will completely sell-out by July. Campers will receive a camp T-shirt, individual awards and prizes and an autograph from Stockton, if they desire. To receive information about the camp call the Basketball Comerstones office toll free at (866) 466-2929. Camp brochures are available at the PUC Office of Fitness, Wellness and Sports in the Physical Education Recreation Building.

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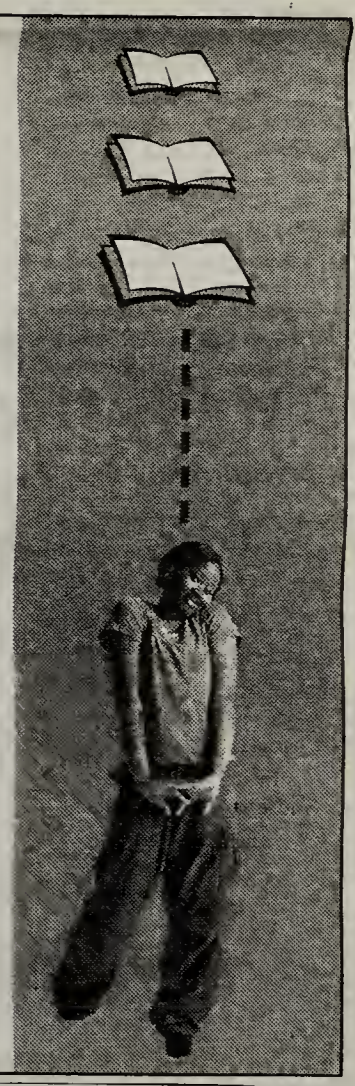

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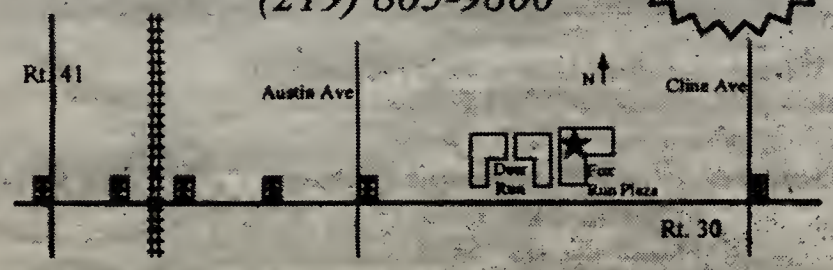

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"The women's study courses really help to broaden one's horizons, helps to better communicate and to do away with assumptions."
Staci Treckles, a senior majoring in English writing

Women's studies program helps encourage knowledge, respect

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News Writer

Women's studies programs are offered at many other major universities. The women's studies program at PUC, however only offers courses as electives. It is unknown if in the future courses will be required to fulfill general education requirements for all majors.

The national program began in 1960, and was "created nationally because of the longtime neglect, silencing or simple dismissal of women's lives and contributions" wrote Arlene Russell, a PUC teacher of women's studies, in her pamphlet, "Women's Studies: Why?" Women's contributions in fields such as medicine, literature and education are beginning to find their way into textbooks but, "Attitudes are slower to change" writes Russell.

It is unknown at this time if PUC will follow in the footsteps of other universities to incorporate women and their roles into all fields of study. The program offers knowledge and awareness to critics and skeptics of literature, history and other fields of research who have questioned the credibility of women in society.

The goals of the program, writes Russell, is to bring women a "combination of awareness and understanding that bolsters their confidence in fields dominated by men." Men taking women's studies courses find, "This awareness and understanding add insight to the workplace and home and allow for eventual change."

Collette Morrow, professor of women's studies, agrees that men benefit from taking women's studies courses. Morrow said that men who take women's studies courses are better suited to a work environment where there may be a large female population, such as social service jobs and public relations.

"For graduate students, all the fields in behavioral science require gender understanding amongst (behavioral science) applicants," said Morrow.

Women's studies courses span across a variety of interests including journalism, business, education, women's resources and other prominent fields.

Those who take women's studies courses can move into a career that has a focus on professional women such as business law, social work, medicine and counseling.

Russell writes that a graduate of these courses "brings an awareness of the history, culture, and thought of women, along with an understanding of sexism."

Staci Treckles, a senior majoring in English writing, experienced firsthand the benefits of women's studies courses.

"[With women's studies] you can take what you learn and apply it," said Treckles.

"The women's study courses really help to broaden one's horizons, helps to better communicate and to do away with assumptions."

Treckles has taken a number of women's studies courses such as Psychology 350 and 450 and finds women's studies courses to be useful because, "you look at different ethnicity." She is minoring in women's studies and enjoys the subject matter because, "the literature is more interesting and more diverse."

The program is also stepping outside the classroom setting to educate students about women's studies. In March, women's studies' activities were offered to inform and bring about awareness of social issues. The Homeless Women's Hall of Fame examined homelessness from different viewpoints, Women and Democracy in Eastern Europe looked at the contribution of women to reform and Survivor Circle is a support to artists and sexual abuse survivors. These were intended to give a glimpse into the social issues and conflicts that can be found within the course material.

"Courses pay close attention to women's personal and public experiences, and look at the meaning of events, ideas, and social institutions on women and men across cultures," writes Russell.

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PUC educates with foreign films

NICOLE ELISCHER
Entertainment Writer

Last week, the 2000 Spanish film "Amores Perros" kicked off PUC's International Film Series for this semester. Sponsored by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature since the fall of 1998, the films are shown in room CLO 110 (which is also known as the Foreign Language Studio) at various times and dates throughout the semester and free to all in the campus and community area. The purpose of the film series is to promote further awareness of various cultures and traditions, as well as provide unique opportunities for students and faculty to gain and broaden their knowledge about these different cultures in an educational setting that is conductive to the learning process itself.

Osama Abu-Eledam, a faculty member of Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, says that the films are selected from the countries whose people are best represented in the Northwest Indiana area, correspond current events or trends that are happening around the world, or come from the International Media Center extensive Foreign Film collection. The films are shown on a regular basis each spring and fall semester. In the past, well-known movies such as "White Balloon" (a film from Iran) and the Spanish film "Women on The Verge of a Nervous Breakdown" have been shown at some time at PUC. This semester, the department is presenting a total of twelve movies from different cultures including:

Movies such as "Il Postino" (The Postman) will be shown during the International Film Series.

■ **"Gandhi"** - Sir Richard Attenborough's bio-epic about the life of Mahatma Gandhi. The movie won Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Actor for Ben Kingsley as Gandhi in 1982.

■ **"Il Postino"** - a 1996 Italian film about a shy postman (late 1996 Best Actor nominee Massimo Troisi) who forms an unlikely friendship with exiled Chilean poet Pablo Neruda (Philippe Noiret).

■ **"Wedding in Galilee"** - a 1987 Abaric film about two conflicting cultures that attempt to put aside their differences for a traditional Palestinian wedding under an Israelei government

■ **" Buena Vista Social Club"** - Wim Wenders's 1999 Spanish documentary about a group of legendary Cuban musicians who are rediscovered and release a Grammy award-winning and international best-selling album .

■ **"When Night is Falling"** - a 1995 Canadian film about Camille, a religious teacher who falls in love with a female circus performer.

Each film is introduced by a faculty member of the Foreign Language and Literature department, who also leads a discussion following the movie to clarify the aspects and culture of the film.

Abu-Eledam says that the films selections are seen as thoughtful and entertaining to audience as well as an overwhelming response. The department receives a high rateof attendance from students, faculty members from various departments, and community members from the Northwest Indiana and Chicagoland area. There was even one semester when there was an attendance of more than seventy people.

Students can look for announcements in the Chronicle, local newspapers such as The Times, as well as flyers that are posted on the bulletin boards throughout campus. Students can also ask the Foreign Language professors or the department of Foreign Languages at (219) 989-2632. They can also address their questions to the International Media Center Lab at (219) 989-2331. For further information one can call 219-989-2395 (professor Arlene Russell of the Foreign Language Dept.), or send comments/suggestions to abu@nwi.calumet.purdue.edu.

'We Were Soldiers' gives an equal view

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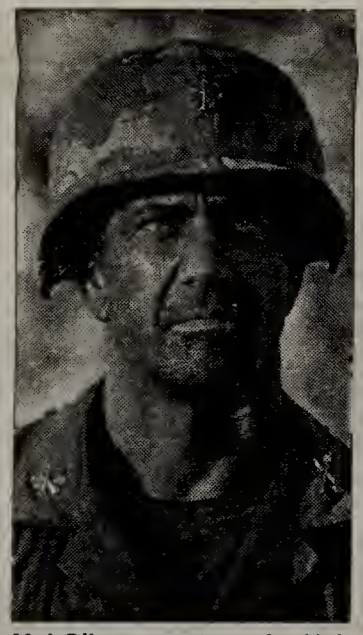
Entertainment Writer

I mentioned in an earlier review that I had "Black Hawk Down" conferred as the most realistic war movie ever created. I still stand by that declaration, but after seeing the most recent war flick "We Were Soldiers," I feel the need to create a new category; "war movie with most depth."

The movie takes place during the Vietnam War, and focuses on the commander of the unit known as the Seventh Cavalry under Lt. Col. Hal Moore (Mel Gibson). The movie, based on a true story, is taken from the book Moore wrote accounting for the trials he and his platoon had to face during their stint in Vietnam in 1965. When the movie first began, I was a little skeptical due to the fact that it started out the same as every other war movie I had seen; the cliché peanut gallery of the fearless leader, the egotistical guy, the sensitive guy, and so on. They even went through the routine goodbyes with their families and the one guy telling his family, "I'll be back," when everybody in the audience knows he's going be the first one to go. However, once the group hits the area of Vietnam known as Ia Drang, the movie takes on a pace I wasn't expecting at all.



Mel Gibson portrays Lt. Hal Moore in "We Were Soldiers."

This is probably the first movie focusing on war that literally does not take sides. The story is told from the view of the families back home, the Vietnamese Army, as well as Gibson and his troops. One of the parts I enjoyed was how there would be focus on a particular battle, then the scene would shift back to the states, as you'd get a chance to see what the families of the soldiers were thinking and doing to pass the time, as they had no idea of what was going on across the seas. It also took you into bases of the Vietnam military, and showed how they planned their attacks, and what the soldiers felt during that time. "Pearl Harbor" also did that in a way when they showed the Japanese and their battle plans, but this movie gives the opposing army more equal time than "Pearl Harbor" did. They're not seen as bad guys, but as soldiers who had their own reasons for going into a conflict.

Probably the best aspect of the film was that nothing was cut or spared for time. They give the audience every single attack, counterattack, and planning strategy that the characters discuss. Usually in a war movie an attack would be discussed, and the scene would cut to the aftermath. "We Were Soldiers" doesn't skip over anything. Anytime a raid or ambush is planned, you see it right before your eyes.

Anyone who's familiar with Mel knows that he does an excellent job. His character has a habit of being mean and sensitive at the same time and his status as an A-list actor is proved. The rest of the cast includes Chris Klein as a private with a newborn baby, with Keri Russell ("Felicity") as his wife, and Greg Kinnear as a pilot who thinks he's just a little too experienced for his own good.

Mel Gibson stars in the Vietnam action/adventure drama "We Were Soldiers."

"We Were Soldiers" isn't better than "Black Hawk Down" in my opinion, but it's hard to say which is better due to similar subject matter and the fact that both are true stories. The movie gets high marks from me for breaking the rules of war movies by giving equal stances from all sides.

"We Were Soldiers"
★★★★

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Stars readopt a past trend

JOE JUAREZ
Entertainment Editor

As we keep up with today's fashion trend, we are brought back to a nostalgic trip where it seems that whenever a new decade rolls along, a trend, twenty years preceding is being brought back before our very eyes.

Just like the 1990's when people adopted the look of the 1970's style of polyester shirts and bell-bottom trousers, which at times, is still popular and inspired such movies like "Boogie Nights," "54," and the semi-autobiographic "Almost Famous" where it looked like the entire style of that decade was retold according to Cameron Crowe's experiences.

Fashion icon Madonna, along with Rosanna Arquette, starred in "Desperately Seeking Susan." This movie explored the 80's rocker look.

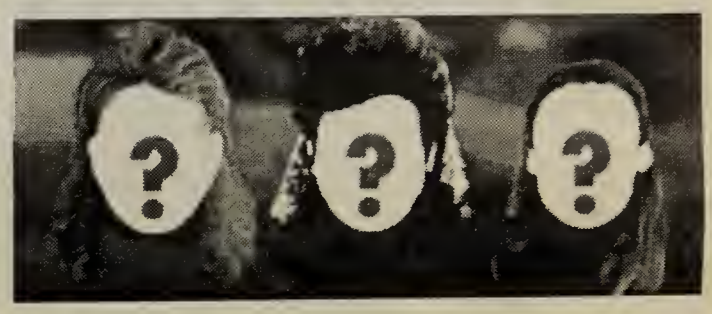
Now, unlike the polyester and bell-bottom era of the 70's, the 1980's brings us to the post-disco/punk era into the new wave revolution of MTV, Madonna, Cindy Lauper, and the big-hair metal of bands of Motley Crue, Ozzy Osbourne, and the always forgettable, Poison has brought us styles of wacky hair coloring, spandex tights, smiley-faces on every form of clothing that you have seen, tight leather pants and yes lets not forget for all of you hair fanatics the most popular hairstyle of the era, the mullet.

Stars of today like Lenny Kravitz, Pink, Britney Spears, and Christina Aguilera have in their own little way brought back the fashion lifestyle of the 1980's back into the new millennium on album covers, music videos, magazine covers, and other various forms of media worldwide. Now you might be asking yourselves this one question, what do stars like Kravitz, "Pink," Spears, and Aguilera have in common with the way they dress in this day in age. Well, my answer could be that they all like to express themselves or do anything to get their names well-known and believe what I say, they all have in the past.

80's bands like Duran Duran helped influence the fashion era of music.

Nowadays, watching music videos such as Sugar Rays "When It's Over," provides a somewhat respectable parody to pay homage of past 80's stars: Duran Duran and the one-hit wonder band, "A Flock of Seagulls." Not meaning to be offensive in any way, "Sugar Ray" shows their respect by showing someone that yes indeed, a style of fashion that can be considered out of date for some and real funny and odd for others. In addition, the band also let's their fans know that there was a decade known as the 80's that did exist and these various styles were the number one thing going today.

Whether you believe or not, music and fashion has gone back to the 80's. Two years into the new millennium, we are seeing more fashion flashbacks from the decade that had introduced us to what we are today in the world of technology. I can count my lucky stars that cable networks like "MTV," and other various forms of entertainment have shown that the fashion and music world can change as the decades continue to roll along. Now, what does that mean for the next decade? Will we see the 90's style return in the year 2010? I guess only time will tell.



Pictured are some examples of the mullet hairstyle. These were prevalent in the 80s.

Fashion travels back in time

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News Writer

This past year in fashion, styles traveled back in time to the era that unleashed Madonna's wardrobe, colored hair, and fish net tights. MTV was the hottest thing to come to cable TV. The 80's definitely made a come back once again.

We also got to discover just how low people were willing to go. Britney Spears and Christina Aguleria, what do these chicks have in common? They both couldn't keep their underwear in their pants. Low rider jeans made the must have list and "Whoa" thongs across America were exposed. Suddenly girls were all lined up at stores wanting their own pair of low rider jeans and panties were not underwear any more they were accessories. Sisqo knew just what he wanted to see when he made the hit "Thong Song." Thus, crack is definitely back and it does not kill.

When coming out with a new trend for an upcoming season, designers need a hint even if it is digging in the fashion time capsule by making the old look new all over again. So if you hated the fashions when they were around the first time maybe you will fall in love with the look the second time around. So here is a sneak peak into Spring 2002.

The style for the spring is all about not wearing one color like you saw in the past. Its about a bright and a paler version of it. It is also about "Little girl next door" meeting the "Rebel without a cause."

The 80's revisit fashion in the Gucci Spring Collection 2002.

The runways are packed with anything from off the shoulder tops made with cotton and ruffles to leather and lace. Sparkles and gems from last season are being replaced with nude colors and long pleated skirts. If you thought leather mini skirts were worn by punk rockers think again. Floral printed tops and handbags are also making the must have list as well.

BEBE showed us for the Spring 2002 that it's ok to wear big hats. Hats with fish net over the front covering the face are ok to wear out not just to a funeral. Striped off the shoulder tops with lace hem on top and hip hugger jeans. Black fish net nylon gloves and corsets skirts accompanied with ruffles and once again, neigh high, high heal boots are back and hotter than ever.

Glamour Magazine also presented "The hippie look" and you don't have to be an X-flower child to pull it off. Peasant tops, knit tops, and bell sleeve tops. Long skirts with light and lose fabric, suede or leather pants, coats and shirts. There are two types of looks you can pull off for the season.

"The little girl next door", this look can be pulled off as the day look. The "Rebel without a cause" is a look you definitely want to pull if you are going out for a night on the town. Whatever look you are trying to identify yourself as, walk out feeling great and comfortable with yourself and what you are wearing. Because clothes are a key factor in making our self-confidence rise and making ourselves feel and look good.

The "little girl next door" meets the "rebel without a cause" in 2002.

An example of what BEBE has in line for the 2002 fashion scene.

'Attack on America' retells the tragedy

LAUREN GOETZ
Entertainment Writer

The terrorist attack on September 11, 2001 has affected countless Americans as well as millions of others from all over the world. It is no surprise that the events of September 11, 2001 will be written about heavily in our history books. One book on the subject is "Attack on America September 11, 2001 and the Aftermath" written by Sammy Sorrell, the Director of Publishing services for American Trend Publishing, Inc. based in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This book opens with telling the story of what happened the morning of September 11 in New York City as well as the author's point of view from his hometown. While reading the beginning, I found myself remembering exactly what I was doing when I learned of the attack. I suppose that all readers would automatically do the same thing because the author does a great job of taking the reader back to that day.

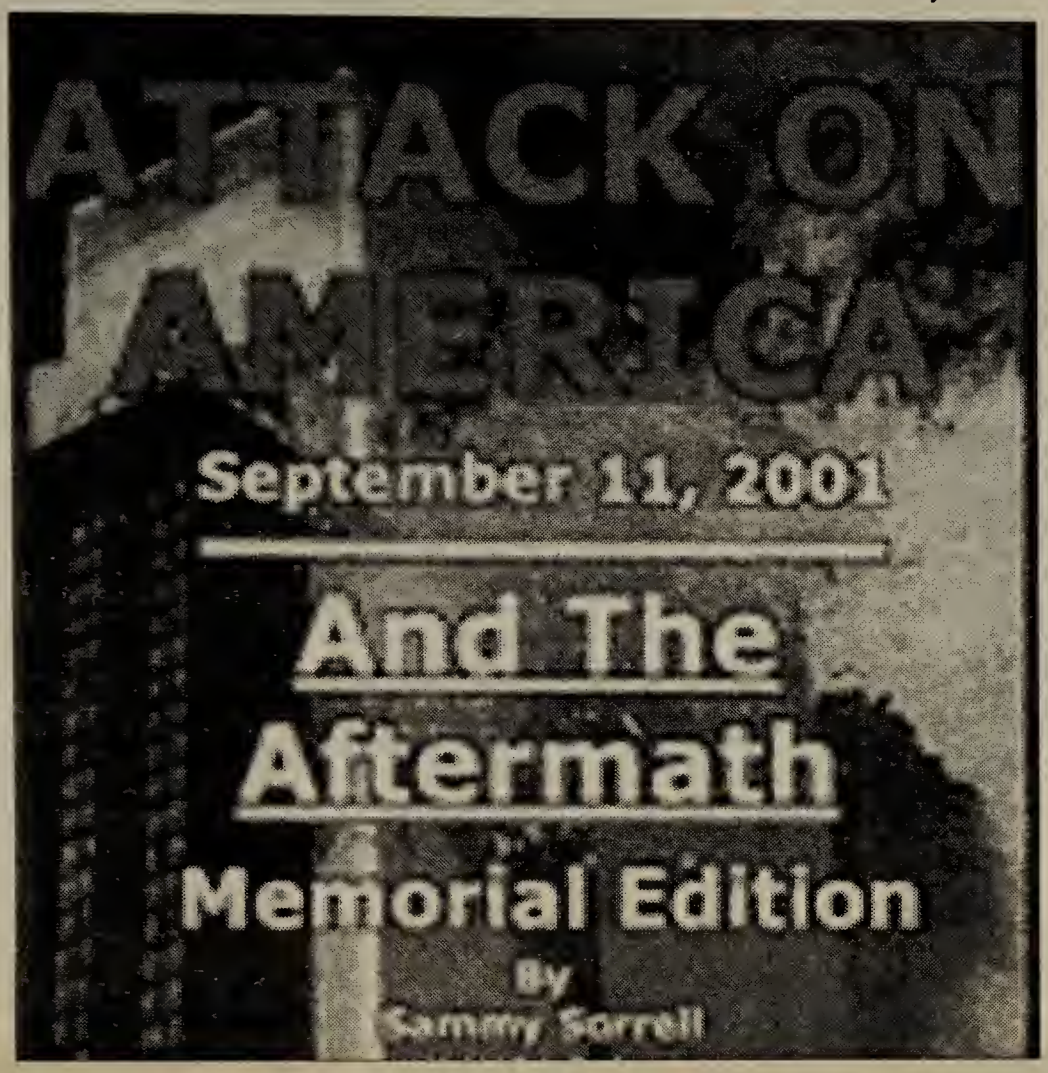
This book not only tells the emotional story of passengers frantic phone calls to love ones, but also gives facts about the specifics of the World Trade Center Towers. Reading these facts gives the reader the opportunity to put into perspective just how big both buildings really were and the amount of rubble left behind. This book also lists the companies that worked from each of the towers, which help the reader understand the magnitude of what really happened *that day.*

Along with telling what happened September 11, 2001, this book also gives the reader background information about other terrorist attacks that have appended around the world since 1961, as well as what was going on in the country the days following the attacks. For example, the book mentions Americans giving blood, the demand for American flags, and the fundraising for the victims and their families.

Everyone is aware that a major effect on the country following September 11 was the airline industry. Thus, the book mentions the new airport security regulations that resulted in the days and weeks following September 11 such as the number of carry-ons's that each passenger is allowed to the items that are or are not allowed to be brought upon a plane.

"Attack on America," also takes the reader behind the scenes and explains what President Bush and his staff did and continues to do the months following the attacks. For example, I was not aware that some senators are fighting to have the passengers that were aboard the hijacked Flight 93 be awarded with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which is the highest award that a civilian can be awarded. Plus, to make the reader understand more about President Bush's staff, the book gives the names of all the staff members that help the President on a daily basis. Names included were such as Press Secretary, Condoleezza Rice; Director of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge; and White House spokesperson, Ari Fleishcer.

I thought "Attack on America September 11, 2001 and the Aftermath" was both enjoyable and informative. Author, Sorrell has provided enough information on how the events took place and how countries across the world are retaliating against the war on terrorism. I would recommend it to anyone who is interested in learning more about the attacks on September 11, 2001.



"Attack On America" retells the events that led up to the tragedy on September 11, 2001.

Sammy Sorrell
"Attack on America"
★★★

Cafés offer different ambiance to students

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Many college students live lives that result in long days, short nights and dire attempts for relaxation at any point where it can be taken. Although some students spend hours carousing at local bars in an attempt to escape the realities of their lives, others migrate to establishments that offer a more conversational and artistic environment, allowing them to escape through the creativities of their minds.

Several cafes, within five to seven miles of PUC, offer students a surrounding which can be a haven of rest from the busyness of their daily lives and yet allow them to get school responsibilities accomplished in a non-academic environment. Since PUC is a commuter campus, many students juggle the responsibilities of home, work, and college life. Although campus provides quiet and relaxing places to sit and study over a favorite caffeinated beverage, being able to visit another location gives students a feeling of temporary escape.

Romeo Blue, located on 169th on Indianapolis Blvd. sells several varieties of coffee at a rather reasonable price. Owner, Jerome Williams does not think his café to be a college hangout, but rather a place for customers who appreciate a good cup of coffee within the confines of their life.

"[It's] a functional get-away from a kidsy kind of atmosphere," says Williams, who notes that his business is frequented more by mature and appreciative students who view coffee as something other than a cappuccino from the local gas station. Customers are more likely pursuing a masters or bachelors degree and have family obligations.

Muse Café, located on Ridge Road in downtown Lansing, IL. presents an atmosphere similar to the stereotypical café of open mikes and poetry readings. Muse Café brimmed over with younger college-aged students crowded around tables as a college-aged man read his poetry over the murmur of several conversations.

Owner, Chris Lathrop says that because PUC is not a contained campus, students have more options than fraternity parties and can come to his café offering a bit of themselves to eager listeners. This café is a local get-away to students who have chosen to stay in the area to pursue college.

"[It's] conducive to artistic types," said Lathrop. On Thursday nights, open mike is available for spoken poetry, acoustic guitars and other artistic venues. This opens the café to more conversation with a safer environment for exposing the inner thoughts of present-day students. On Friday and Saturday nights local bands play at the Muse, which allows students a different kind of hangout for the weekends, without the involvement of alcohol and age-restrictions.

Borders Café located on Indianapolis Blvd. in Highland offers more to students than just coffee and atmosphere. Supervisor, Marika Voukidis says the selection of books, magazines and CDs allows students more options when they're "trying to stay awake" for late night studying, or procrastination, purposes. The ambiance offers different social and conversational aspects than a bar, and yet it is quiet enough during the weekdays to study, with the option of most students' favorite friend, caffeine. Borders Café also offers research materials that are up to date and free of charge, similar to a library, but open a lot later.

On the weekends students come in to Borders Café because of the variety of options and also because some local bands come in to play. Although Borders offers clubs that people can get involved in, such as chess clubs and swing dance clubs, these seem to attract older men and women, and not necessarily college-aged people.

Photo by Skye Holman

Mira Lathrop operates behind the counter of the Muse Café in Lansing, Ill.

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Borders employee Chris Slager prepares coffee for customers.

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Jasmine Broach is one of the baristas at Romeo Blue. This café has become a regular meeting place for people in the Hammond community.

The Sprankle Confines

Blackhawk home playoff games to be televised locally

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Sports Editor

Silence is the only word that could describe the post-season atmosphere at the United Center lately. Four years have passed since the Bulls took their sixth and final NBA championship, although won at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City. And the Blackhawks have not skated on playoff ice since 1997. But hold on, that will change in a little more than a couple of weeks.

As the Detroit Red Wings have held on the top spot in the Central Division of the Western Conference by a large margin, the Blackhawks have been right behind their fellow "original six" rival in second place, most of the season. That mark would be good enough to clinch home ice for at least the first two games of the first round.

However, what makes this playoff a treat for Blackhawk fans of local interest is that all games, most notably those played at the United Center, will be shown on television here in the Chicago market.

So, the question is, has Bill Wirtz come to respect the fans wishes that have booed him on this issue, or has the NHL come to him in taking control of this matter in demanding local air time of the upcoming playoff games.

Televising home games has been the custom of the Wirtz family ownership for more than a half century, going back to the late Arthur Wirtz, the father of Bill Wirtz, who purchased the Blackhawks in 1934 and at the time, the now gone Chicago Stadium.

Today, it's Bill Wirtz who has complete control of the Blackhawks and the United Center (for United Airlines only pays for the arena's naming rights). But that is just a small piece of Wirtz's business empire, for he owns luxury condos on the north shore, a liquor distribution, and the Bismark Catering Service, all part of his wealth, worth a couple billion dollars.

The purpose of not televising home games according to Wirtz has always been "to protect season ticket holders." Well, maybe then everyone should buy season tickets. But come playoff time, Fox Sports Net, ESPN, and ABC will broadcast the playoff games from the United Center and on the road. Then again if that can happen, why not show all games during the regular season, regardless.

TFC hopes to attract more participants for 5K run/walk

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This year the second annual 5K run/walk will be held April 27, beginning at 9:30 a.m. All students and student organizations are welcome to participate for a fee of $12, if paid before April 22, with all proceeds going to the Total Fitness Center scholarships for its students looking for degrees in Fitness Management. This year has also brought more community involvement, with the Calumet Region Striders participating, and also with corporate sponsors such as UPS and Strack & Van Til.

"We are trying to recruit as many campus student organizations as possible," TFC member and co-coordinator of the 5K run/walk Tina Schmidt said.

"Everyone who is interested can participate, and there are prizes for younger people also."

This year's event will include members of all ages with divisions from 14 and under, to 70 and over. Younger participants will have a chance to become involved with the 200 meter Tot Trot and the 400 meter Egg Scrambler.

"We want to make this a family sort of thing, if mom and dad are running, then we want to have something for their children to do," TFC Coordinator John Bobalik said, who is also the main coordinator for the event.

To better prepare anyone with interest of entering the 5K run/walk, the TFC staff will hold six days of training that will cover the race's actual path, between the dates of April 13 and 24.

With these individual training sessions, the TFC hopes to improve on last year's positive turnout, in what became a new event.

"Last year, we had 150 people, but we hope to get anywhere in the area of 250 to 300. I think we can get to that mark easily, because now that this is the second year, the word is out," Bobalik said.

And now that the word is indeed out, the more participation could possibly benefit a PUC student organization. Starting in this upcoming 5K run/walk, a trophy will be presented to the one group that has the most participants, as long as each member completes the race, by stretching across the finish line, for time and rank of finishing will not be used in determining a winner.

"The idea for this contest came from one of our student members and we believe that this will encourage more students to come out and participate."

For the top three finishers of each division, duffle bags will be handed out, and everyone who comes to take part will receive free T-shirts promoting this year's 5K run/walk.

Photo by Frank Sprankle

Students will be competing for the traveling trophy in the Spring Fling 5K race on April 7.

Student Service Fee Committee gears-up for annual athletic funding

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Only a few years ago, did PUC feature athletic competition in the form of men's soccer and women's volleyball. Since then, the lack of funding and support has led to a decline of these teams. In a 1998 survey, only 1 percent of PUC students and faculty viewed a men's soccer team as important, while 3 percent believed that a women's volleyball squad was essential to the university.

That study, conducted by the Student Service Fee Committee (SSF), has become the organization that allocates money annually from student tuition. This committee consists of the three top seniors of SGA (student government association) members, who collect the funding, and in the end distribute it to different interest groups around campus for finance.

Of all groups that SSF funds yearly, it is athletics that receives the most, even though the Lakers and Lady Lakers basketball teams are the only two intercollegiate athletics squads that reside at PUC.

"Most money will continue to go toward athletics, most specifically basketball, plus the PER Building will get a lot of funding," Nick Orange said.

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Nicholas T. Orange, Vice President of SGA

Orange, who serves as SGA vice president, is just one of the three seniors to serve on the Student Service Fee Committee.

Besides athletics, the committee also supports numerous student activities including SGA and PUC's very own Chronicle. A small portion also goes toward the Child Care Center, located across the street from the main campus.

In terms of the basketball programs, the money funded goes toward transportation to and from road games, salaries for head and assist coaches, and player jerseys.

However, it's the Total Fitness Center (TFC) that has attracted the importance of most PUC students and faculty. With it's two room exercise facilities, many make the most of it on a daily basis. But PUC's commitment to total fitness goes beyond the exercising rooms. Some of the money spent goes toward its intramural clubs and recreational sports.

With an expanding student enrollment of around 10,000, the population will just continue to expand, which in time, the support could return for more athletic possibilities.

"I would like to see women's softball and men's soccer return, but all we continue to do is use the money in the right direction," Orange said.

Still, it might take a few years before such a goal becomes reality.

"I have discuss expanding our athletic programs with Chancellor (Howard) Cohen, and as student activities increase, it will support this desire," Director of Total Fitness, Wellness, and Athletics Rob Jensen said, who has made that issue a priority in this, his first year of holding the responsibilities of director.

Student organizations to compete for trophy

PUC Student Organizations can compete in the Spring Fling 5K on Saturday, April 7 at 9 a.m. to win the traveling trophy. The student organization with the highest number of 5K finishers will be awarded the traveling trophy. The winning student organization will have their name engraved on the trophy and will keep the trophy for one year. The trophy will be awarded next year to the student organization with the highest number of participants finishing the 5K event.

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Northwest Indiana Rugby club opens spring competition for interested athletes

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Many Americans are passionate about football. But there is one local group that takes their passion to a unique stage. And while they might not put on helmets and shoulder pads, they enjoy managing their time in playing rugby. Currently, a rugby group known as the Northwest Indiana Exiles has served the community since 1973 in opening an opportunity for those who might want to go wild on the gridiron without having to suit-up.

For $75, anyone can join and take part in this team sport without having the pressure or disadvantage of trying-out.

As of right now, the Exiles are in the process of beginning their spring campaign as this team started play in South Bend over the weekend. On the home slate, five games will take place at the Omega Sports Complex in Hobart, with a $5 admission per person. One of the home games includes the Quad State Tournament on March 30, all part of three tourneys that will even take them to Pittsburgh on April 6 for competition.

Photo by Kristin M. Harkin

The Exiles practice every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Hobart Soccer and Rugby Pitch.

"We want to have a good spring and go to Pittsburgh and eventually into the Chicago Ball Tournament (on May 18) and have some success," Exiles team captain and Valparaiso resident Walter Costella said, as he enters his first full year in Northwest Indiana Rugby.

For Costella, getting started in Rugby began when he saw his cousin play. Since then he has participated in college and joined the Exiles last year since moving to the area from Maryland.

In getting a team set for the spring season, indoor practices began more than a month ago, and transcended into the first week of March with practices outside. The majority of all players on the Exiles are coming off a season in its fall program.

During the fall season, in which the Exiles are affiliated with the Chicago Area Rugby Federation Union, they finished in sixth place, second from last.

"It was a pretty tough experience last year with some losses, but he had good leadership and good coaching," Costella said, who admits that this spring season is a good step in getting ready for the fall, in which the Exiles are involved in a league.

Photo by Kristin M. Harkin

The Rugby Club runs intense drills to prepare for the Quad State Tournament on March 20.

As rugby remains popular in most European nations, the expansion of digital cable and direct broadcast satellite, has given rugby exposure.

"I think rugby has become more popular today in the United States, but not at a fast rate, after all five to ten years ago, you could not see rugby on television," Exiles president and Crown Point native Robin Winslett said.

Winslett has been a part of the Exiles for five years now. A former native of Wales, he grew-up playing Rugby, and has worked his way from player, to secretary, to president; and in his third term, in a club that features about 30 members, he says more are always welcome in a group with members ages 16-46.

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